

THE CLAIMS

1. A refuse bag supporting device comprising:
 - a plurality of refuse bag supporting members;
 - a plurality of corner members joining the refuse
 - 5 bag supporting member end to end to define a refuse bag supporting frame;
 - a plurality of legs for positioning the refuse bag supporting frame in a plurality of orientations including a substantially horizontal orientation and a
 - 10 substantially vertical orientation;
 - means for supporting each of the legs on the frame for pivotal movement with respect thereto between a first orientation wherein the leg extends perpendicularly relative to the frame at a second orientation wherein the
 - 15 leg extends parallel relative to the frame;
 - each of the legs comprising a relatively large diameter tubular member and a relatively small diameter tubular member which is slidably received in the relatively large diameter tubular member; and
 - 20 means for selectively retaining each of the legs in an extended configuration and in a retracted configuration relative to the frame.

2. The refuse bag supporting device according to claim 1 wherein the means for pivotally supporting the legs on the frame comprising a plurality of L-shaped members each extending between one of the corner members of the frame and one of the legs.

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3. The refuse bag supporting device according to claim 2 wherein at least one of the L-shaped members supports one of the legs relatively outwardly with respect to the frame and wherein at least one of the L-shaped members supports one of the legs relatively inwardly with respect to the frame.

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4. The refuse bag supporting device according to claim 1 wherein the refuse bag supporting members are secured to the corner members by bayonet connectors.

5. The refuse bag supporting device according to claim 2 wherein the L-shaped members are secured to the corner members by bayonet connectors.

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6. The refuse bag supporting device according to claim 2 wherein the legs are secured to the L-shaped members by bayonet connectors.

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7. The refuse bag supporting device according to claim 1 wherein the means for selectively retaining each of the legs in an extended configuration and in a retracted configuration comprises bayonet connectors.

5 8. The refuse bag supporting device according to claim 1 further including means for securing a refuse bag in engagement with the frame.

10 9. The refuse bag supporting device according to claim 8 further characterized by a plurality of projections mounted on the frame for receiving a refuse bag thereover and a plurality of flexible retaining members each individual to one of the projections for securing the refuse bag in engagement therewith.

15 10. The refuse bag supporting device according to claim 8 wherein the refuse bag retaining device comprises a plurality of flexible members mounted on the frame for securing the refuse bag into engagement therewith.

11. The refuse bag supporting device according to claim 8 wherein the refuse bag retaining means comprises a plurality of apertures mounted on the frame for receiving a refuse bag thereover and a plurality of plugs each individual to one of the apertures for securing the refuse
5 bag into engagement therewith.

12. A refuse bag supporting device comprising:

a plurality of refuse bag supporting members;

a plurality of corner members joining the refuse
bag supporting members end to end to define a refuse bag
supporting frame;

a plurality of legs for positioning the refuse
bag supporting frame in a plurality of orientations
including a substantially horizontal orientation and a
substantially vertical orientation;

a plurality of L-shaped members each individual
to one of the corner members and to one of the legs for
supporting each of the legs on the frame for pivotal
movement with respect thereto between a first orientation
wherein the leg extends perpendicularly relative to the
frame and a second orientation wherein the leg extends
parallel relative to the frame;

each of the legs comprising a relatively large
diameter tubular member secured to and extending from its
respective L-shaped member and a relatively small diameter
tubular member which is slidably received in the relatively
large diameter tubular member;

means for selectively retaining each of the legs
in an extended configuration and in a retracted
configuration relative to the frame; and

means for retaining a refuse bag in engagement with the refuse bag supporting frame.